the Government in this regard;

(c) whether a similar bilateral agreement is proposed for nuclear weapons; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) At the fifth round of Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held at Islamabad on 30-31 October, 1991, both sides agreed to condor issuing a joint decleartion on chemical weapons and to convene a meeting of experts of the two sides on mutually convenient dates to exchange views on a bilateral agreement to ban the development, production, development and use of chemical weapons.

(b) further exchanges in this matter are proposed with Pakistan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Chinese Premier's Observations on Tibet

4830. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have noted the observations made by the Chinese Premier that except for the Independence of Tibet all other issues are negotiable;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have since conveyed its views to Dalai Lama on this; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAU SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government regard Tibet as an autonomous region of China. Issues pertaining to Tibet are best settled by the Chiness authorities on the hand and His Holiness the Dalai lama and the Tibetan community on the other, through peaceful negatiatons.

(c) and (d). His Holiness the Dalai Lama is aware of the position of the Chinese Government. He is also aware of the Government of India's consistent position regarding Tibet.

[*Translation*]

UK's Proposal on future role of United Nations Security Council

4831. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UK formulated any draft proposals on the future role of United Nations Security Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stand taken by India on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). In its capacity as the President of the security Council for the month of January 1992, UK had prepared a draft of the Prasidential statement for the Security Council Summit meeting held on January 31, 1992. This draft was discussed and some of the Indian proposals and amendments were incorporated. The final statement, however, does not fully reflect one or two of India's concerns.